(i) to which place and the reasons for the same ;

(ii) whether the convenience of the public and the Advocates was considered before the transfer was decided upon ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) The office has been shifted.

(*b*) (i) 'Malaya Cottage' Poojapura, as the building at Thycaud in which the office was previously accommodated is an old one and has been found unfit for further occupation.

(ii) Yes.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: With reference to answer to part (ii) (b) May I know why the present building is thought to be more convenient to the public and the Advocates ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: It is located in a better site and has a healthier surrounding.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know the distance of the present building from the High Court ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: About 2 miles.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know the distance to the building in which the office was located before from the High Court ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: About 1 mile.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members may well remember that the policy of the Government is to discourage the use of private buildings for holding Government offices Work in connection with the accommodation of public offices in Government buildings will be started almost immediately.

Thottapally Bridge.

252 * **MR. G. VELUPILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total expenditure up-to-date in connection with the new bridge, approach roads and buildings at Thottapally ;

(*b*) the further approximate amount necessary to complete the same ; and

(*c*) the probable date on which the bridge will be opened for traffic ?

MR. S. KAMESAM (*Director of Development*): (*a*) Rs. 22,369.

(*b*) About Rs. 10,600.

(*c*) It is expected to open the bridge for traffic towards the end of August or by the beginning of September.

MR K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether this bridge slipped and gave way during the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy to Travancore ?

MR. S. KAMESAM: Yes Sir. But not the approaches.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What was the original estimate of the bridge?

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MR. S. KAMESAM : The original idea was to put up a temporary bridge and later it was decided to have a bridge with a greater capacity of loading.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : May I know why the construction was delayed over too much ?

MR. S. KAMESAM : I don't think there was any delay, but in my opinion I think it was finished in a short time considering the span of the bridge and the approaches to it.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the department is quite confident that the bridge is safe in view of the frequent occurrence of floods ?

MR. S. KAMESAM : Yes, Sir.

Thottappalli Bridge.

253. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala* ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the estimated cost of the Thottappalli Bridge ;

(*b*) the cost of the fallen bridge at Thottappalli ;

(*c*) whether the fallen bridge was used as such for reconstruction of the present bridge ;

(*d*) whether any additional amount was spent for the present bridge ;

(*e*) what amount has been already spent for the two approach roads at Thottappalli :

(*f*) what is the estimated cost of the approach roads ;

(*g*) what is the total amount spent hitherto for the Thottappalli Bridge including the two approach roads ;

(*h*) what are the varieties of timber used for the said bridge and the quantity of each ;

(*i*) whether any Ascu treatment was done for the timber so used;

(*j*) what is the amount for such treatments ;

(*k*) what will be the approximate cost of making an iron bridge at Thottappalli instead of the wooden bridge constructed now ;

(*l*) whether Mr. Kamesam has given a guarantee for the duration of the Thottappalli bridge ;

(*m*) if so, the period of guarantee ; and

(*n*) when the Ascu treatment was discovered ?

MR. S. KAMESAM: (*a*) Rs. 1,38,000 according to P. W. D. design originally sanctioned including approaches.

(*b*) Rs. 14,000.

(*c*) Yes, with slight replacement of parts wherever needed.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About Rs. 10,000.

(*f*) About Rs. 17,000.

(*g*) Rs. 22,369.

(*h*) 1000 Cft. of teak and 200 Cft. of maruthi

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